

Mrs. T. J. Hammond, of Brunswick, Mo., owns what she is pleased to term a very knowing cat and the feline certainly exhibits very rare intelligence. It is a year old and beautiful. Maltese, that is, white and blue, and has been taught to perform a number of tricks very unusual for a cat, one of which is to ring a chime bell, and it frequently turns the laugh on Mrs. Hammond by making the bell tinkle while she is recounting some freak of its intelligence. When the cat feels that a mouse would be an addition to its bill of fare it brings the trap to Mrs. Hammond to be set and then goes frequently to see if the desired mouse has been caught. When such a case occurs the mouse is taken to some one by Puss, who will remain the mouse from it. It makes no effort to catch mice in the ordinary way, preferring, apparently, the invention of man as an easier way to obtain a sweet morsel.

**The Distance of the Horizon.**

What is the distance of the horizon from the sea-shore? Owing to the curvature of the earth's surface the distance between the spectator on the sea-shore and the dip of the horizon becomes greater according to the height of the spectator above the level of the sea. The rule for measuring this distance is as follows: To the height of the eye in feet add the height of the object, and take the square root of the sum; the result being the distance in statute miles. Hence, if the spectator's eye were six feet above the level of the sea, the distance would be three miles; if his eye were ten feet above the level of the sea, the distance would be nearly four miles, and so on for any height above the sea level.—*Chicago Tribune.*

"We did not always keep boarders," she said, proudly, reading something where she did not like. "When I was at school we were well off and had a nice home. My husband is a widow with eight children, no money, and I have to help her about the work."

"I know," said John, kindly, looking at little Larice with so much sympathy that she quite warmed toward him, and he spoke more gently.

"Once I had a beautiful time—that as a good while ago—a girl I knew at school went up, wrote to me, and

In the habit of assisting with the sewing, and putting in order the books and the warders. This morning I entered your room expecting to find Clarice dusting—disturbed with all the light-heartedness inspired by a well-fought "day," contented with a weary evening, and unable to imagine my consolation. I found her kneeling by the bedside, her face directed against the pillows, in tears. I sprang up and tried to hide her agitation, but—Mr. Rogers, I am a wife and mother, and I have a large household to manage. I cannot have your wife feel the feelings of my daughter. If you are not in earnest you must desist." And I laid a simple handkerchief for her use.

It is said by some people that poverty is degrading. It had certainly proved with Mrs. Dean.

"Whose?"

witty retort sometimes answers as  
as a long argument. There are  
the things not easy to explain, and no  
ner answer, says *Youth's Companion*,  
and have been made to the Englishman  
over our customs, the customs that  
by Mr. Lincoln:

You see, sir, there is a tremendous  
difference between the English customs  
and the American. For example, no  
woman in England," remarked the  
Englishman, "would ever wear a dress  
his own boots, don't you know."

"Wouldn't he?" inquired Mr. Lincoln,  
thoughtfully. "Why, whose would he  
be?"

Some of the great sawmill establish-  
ments of the Western States are circular  
and of six feet diameter are run at

and resprang instantly left each  
bank, and before we were aware  
of it, the rest of them was in a  
gallop, with head and tail in the air.  
was the time for our ponies to show  
mettle, as all depended upon their  
and sure footedness. Leaping for-  
ward on the heels, and plunging the  
into the fire, the dash along  
the sage brush and dog holes, we  
lived like mammoth caves as our  
little animals deftly cleared them.  
all and down we rushed, side by  
side with the mounted legions, and  
the wind in our ears, all we can, using  
quirts" on the sides of their heads  
endeavor to turn them. With our  
deft blows and continued crowding  
gradually swerve from their course  
by little and little, until they were  
a mass of, or he should miscel-  
laneous lump, he makes, and lurch

...much have you got in the  
cents, sir. I did have thirteen,  
her got in stratified financial cir-  
cuses, and I had to draw five."—  
Free Press.

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**Old Rocking Chairs.**  
A newly painted cane seat rocking  
chair which no one admires now, may  
have improved and made to look like  
the cane is in good condition, by  
removing all paint. It can be  
left good, strong soap. After re-  
moving the paint or stain if the chair is  
wood it will look nicely, but if it  
is a thin coat of clear varnish will  
be it.—*Decorator and Furnisher.*

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**Fastest steamer in the world** is  
by Spain. The name of this smart

percentage of loss in his army that Scott was engaged in no work.—*Century*.

**The Sun Going Out.**

Thomson, who is in many respects the most accurate of all our astronomers, has declared that the royal infant the sun is going out at the thirty-five metres a year. In 2.2 its radius would be 100 per cent at present, and in 19,000, it will be 100 per cent, so much that it will be impossible on this As this puts the extinction of at a date beyond our time, this will probably attract less attention than Sir William's calculation that we cannot have existed more than 100 years. This, if correct, would be a very low blow to received

ary theories which require  
more elbow room than a paltry  
millions of years. -- *Pall Mall Ga.*



# The People's Press.

SALEM, N. C.  
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1887.  
Entered as second-class matter at the Post Office at Salem, N. C., July 1, 1886.  
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The Press entered its thirty-fifth volume on January 1st, 1887. Now is the time to subscribe. It will be our endeavor to make the Press more interesting and entertaining than ever.

—It is reported that much damage is done to the early vegetable and fruit crop in Northern Florida and Southern Georgia.

—Emperor William, of Germany, celebrated his 90th birthday on Monday last.

—Secretary Daniel Manning sailed for Europe on the steamer Arizona on the 15th. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

—The Legislature of Virginia is in extra session.

—Rev. C. H. Mead has been compelled, on account of failing health, to call in his appointments in this portion of North Carolina.

—J. T. Bagwell, a former member of the Methodist Church, and of the Methodist Conference, re-connected himself with the Tryon Street Methodist church in Charlotte, last Sunday.—Observer.

—Summerville experienced another earthquake shock on the evening of the 18th, more severe than any for the past five months.

—The Manufacturer's Record Company has just issued a handsome Russia leather bound volume of four hundred pages, by M. B. Hilliard, entitled "The New South." It is devoted to the description of the Southern States, noting each State separately, giving their distinctive features and most salient characteristics.

—The American Cardinals, Tasche and Gibson, held their first official reception in Rome, on last Monday. An immense throng of people paid their respects, among them Miss Mary Lee, daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and many other Americans.

—It is expected that a call for \$10,000,000 of 3 per cent. bonds will be made in a few days, to mature May 1. There are \$5,560,000 of past due 3's still outstanding. There are also \$9,228,250 of bonds of the 14th call which will mature April 1. The total redemption under open call, to-day amounts to \$3,111,900. According to present indications the entire 3 per cent. loan will be extinguished during the present fiscal year, ending June 30th next. The surplus as stated at the treasury is now \$210,000,000.

—There is much of a clash of interests between the Richmond & Yorkville syndicate and the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Co., in regard to the proposed extension of a line of railway to Wilkesboro, Wilkes county, N. C. We find the following on the subject, referred to above in the Raleigh letter to the Richmond Dispatch of the 12th inst.

"This week matters have been lively. Col. A. B. Andrews and his attorney represented the Richmond & Danville, and Julius A. Gray and his attorney the C. F. & Y. V. A big meeting was held, at which all the parties were present. The Richmond & Danville offered to build from Winston to Wilkesboro in 3 years provided Wilkes county subscribes \$100,000 to the company. The C. F. & Y. V. was not ready to make a definite proposition, and so asked that the matter be postponed until May 1st. The people agree to wait until that date. The C. F. & Y. V. directors are to meet and consider this matter, in which both railroads and people are deeply interested.

While the R. & D. is a strong team and all that, the Yadkin Valley is solid also, and we think the latter will build the branch. President Gray says so, and he is no man to blow.

**The Tax to be Collected as Usual.**  
Referring again to the drummers' tax matter, we wish to say that although we gathered from the imperfect report of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States that its reasoning would probably embrace our North Carolina law, yet it is by no means certain, and it must remain in doubt until a full copy of the opinion has been received. But whatever the court may have decided in reference to the Tennessee case, we have every assurance that our North Carolina authorities will proceed as usual to enforce our State law until the Supreme Court of the United States shall adjudicate upon the law itself.

The laws of North Carolina passed by our State Legislature will be enforced as long as it is possible to enforce them. The sheriffs and other officers will obey the State law right along, and if any case shall arise under the law for the purpose of testing its constitutionality, in that case cannot be tried for several years, there will be no change in the collection of the drummers' tax for several years to come, no matter what may have been the opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Under these circumstances it is about 2 years too previous to consider if any thing is necessary to be done about the matter. Nothing is to be done except the taxes are to be collected as usual.

**Foreign Intelligence.**  
Recent executions in Bulgaria have exasperated public feeling in St. Petersburg.

London, March 15.—Cardinal Manning heartily endorses the policy of Cardinal Gibbon, of Baltimore, with regard to the Knights of Labor.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 15.—It is semi-officially announced that on Sunday the police were informed that an attempt might be made upon the life of the Emperor on the anniversary of the death of his father, Alexander II. Acting upon the suggestion thus afforded the police arrested several persons standing near the Anichkin palace attracted the attention of the police, who arrested the suspected persons before they could conceal the fact that they held in their hands grenades and bombs, which they were prepared to throw at the Emperor when he should pass on his way to the cathedral. There is still much excitement in the city, and the police and military are extraordinarily alert. Arrests of suspected persons are of almost hourly occurrence.

—The family of John Harris, colored, of Brown's Crossing, Ga., were poisoned, and a voodoo doctor is suspected.

## A CARD.

Respectfully Submitted to the Citizens of Winston Township with the Request for a Considerate and Careful Perusal.

We, the undersigned, a committee chosen to represent the interests of the people of this township, in regard to the Railroad proposition laid before the citizens at the Mass Meeting recently held in Winston, respectfully submit the following report, trusting the same will receive the careful attention of all classes, and that what we here recommend will be fully acted upon with the interest and zeal which such a vital movement calls for at the hands of the people of this community.

Owing to former difficulties in connection with railroad matters, we take occasion to state that solely in pursuance of our duty in the interest of the people at large, we have taken special pains to examine into the present railroad movement, including the proposed method for raising funds, the guarantees given by the Railroad Company to our people and the benefits which will arise from the proposed railroad construction, and we, as briefly as possible, place the results of our examination before the people.

We find that the present proposition embraces the construction of two roads, one a section of the North Carolina Midland from Winston to Mocksville, and the other from Winston to Yadkin river, via Elkin, and thus into Watauga.

We believe there is no doubt of our need for the building of those two roads, for the following reasons: The country through which the proposed roads will run yields almost all the great market supplies of this place, and the roads will facilitate the transfer of such, but also to increase the value of our lands because of the greater year by year.

This alone should be sufficient incentive to the early completion of said roads, but we would consider ourselves remiss in duty if we failed to warn our people against a movement which is now on foot, which threatens not only to stop our future advance, but to destroy the market we now have.

This danger arises from the construction of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Road, which is rapidly pushing forward and surrounding us on its way to Mt. Airy and Wilkesboro.

Let any of our citizens consult the map, and trace the course of this road. From the Yadkin river it extends to Dalton's by way of Walnut Cove, from there it purposes to extend to Yadkinville, and then on to Wilkesboro. Thus we find ourselves encircled by the great iron ring of the Yadkin Valley Road, cut off completely from the source of our supplies, all which would be diverted to other points.

The construction of the proposed roads from Winston-Salem will effectively remove all such danger and at the same time will give us all the necessary opportunity for increase of trade, making us eventually a railroad center of the State on the great trunk line North and South.

The second is when private individuals, interested in a section of road, subscribe their own private funds to aid in the construction of the road, and the

Third is when a community, interested in a road, takes itself to raise a sum sufficient to induce the construction of such a road. As to the first method we would say that it is not the present policy of any railroad company to build a road without large aid from one or the other of the remaining methods.

In regard to the second method, which so many of our moneyed citizens are bound for their subscription to the Midland road, to all which we would say to build said road, which will certainly be done, provided the subscription be raised for the road.

We would therefore say that the only method to obtain the road is by the advised public subscription, in which all are alike interested and in which we would say that the voters will come promptly to the aid of this important enterprise, especially as it will require a majority of all registered voters, who will doubtless recognize the fact that the offer now made to our people by the railroad company is a most liberal one, in proof of which we here insert a copy of the official notice of the directors of the company.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION.**  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT, FORSTY CO., N. C.  
Under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly, passed at the Session of 1886, for the purpose of holding an election in Forst County to determine whether or not the same should be annexed to the City of Winston, the undersigned, the County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the election will be held on the 14th day of April, 1887, at the Court House in Winston, N. C., for the purpose of determining whether or not the same should be annexed to the City of Winston, N. C.

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## HAPPENINGS IN THE STATE.

—The Observer says that in Charlotte the liquor business has fallen off wonderfully during the past month, and that it does not amount to one third of what it did six years ago. This is good.

—Rutherford B. Hayes: Eight blockade stills and a large quantity of blockade whiskey were found last week by Geo. W. Means, general deputy and M. O. Dickerson deputy collector of Internal Revenue. The whiskey sold for \$1 per gallon, and one of the stills brought only 25 cents.

Rocky Mount, March 17, 1887.—The railroad celebration came off gloriously at Nashville to-day. Six thousand people partook of the grand banquet Gov. Scales, Messrs. Bunn, Kenan, Cox and W. Means, general deputy and M. O. Dickerson deputy collector of Internal Revenue. The whiskey sold for \$1 per gallon, and one of the stills brought only 25 cents.

—The trucking season in eastern North Carolina is reported to be 20 days ahead of last season. Peas are 6 inches high, potatoes up, cabbage will be cut and shipped this month, and beets and other early vegetables are well advanced.

—An almond tree in the yard on the premises occupied by A. D. Potts is in full bloom. The tree and bloom closely resembles the peach. —There are some half a dozen surveys in town, and we understand it, they are going to survey the W. N. C. R. R., with the intention of straightening curves and lessening grades with the object of running heavier engines on the road.

—A committee of the Trustees of Trinity College met in Greensboro last week to take some measures in favor of that institution. The committee authorized Col. W. A. Alspaugh, of Winston, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to call a meeting of the said Board, to meet in Greensboro on the 3rd day of April next, to elect a President for the College, and to take measures to secure an endowment fund of \$100,000.—Greensboro News.

—High Point Enterprise: Alex. Hairston, a negro of Rockingham county, knocked his wife down last week because she would not let him go to the hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 18th. 21 persons were injured.

—There are now on the pension rolls of the war of 1812 only 2,945 surviving pensioners, while there are 17,212 surviving widows of pensioners.

—A panic in a Roman Catholic church in Chicago was caused by a portion of the building falling down. 23 persons were seriously injured.

—LEXINGTON, Ky., March 16.—B. G. Thomas' famous imported stallion, King Rm, died this evening of spinal meningitis. He was valued at \$35,000.

—It is in contemplation to take up all the bodies of the Confederate soldiers buried in the Manassas cemetery and inter them in one spot in that cemetery, and to erect over them a monument.

—Indianapolis, Ind., March 17.—The failure of the Legislature to provide for the pending State indebtedness has left Indiana in a sorry plight. The State officers to-day borrowed \$30,000 to pay the interest on bonds.

—A fire at Blackville, S. C., the 16th, destroyed two-thirds of the town. An appeal for help states that more than one hundred persons are homeless and without food and clothing. The loss is so great that we to-day citizens are unable to meet the pressing needs of the people.

—Two more centenarians have come to light. One is Mrs. Priscilla Goodshell, of Norfolk, Conn., who was 100 years old a week ago, and the other is Mrs. Patsy Nelson, of Cole Hill, S. C., who is 107 years old, and has twelve children, seventy-six grand children, eighty-nine great-grandchildren, and thirty-seven great-great-grandchildren.

—MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 15.—Isaac H. Vincent, the Alabama State treasurer, who has been missing since 1885, having got away with over \$200,000 of public money, was lodged in jail here to-day. He was until El Paso, Texas. A reward of \$5000 was offered for his capture. His securities and his own property paid about \$50,000 of the defalcation.

—The carrier pigeon service of Paris is almost as completely organized as is the telegraph system, for messages can be sent by the winged messengers to neighboring forts and towns, and even to distant places in the provinces. The staff numbers 2,500 trained birds. The Parisians, during the terrible day of the last siege, learned the value of the pigeon post, and the lessons have not been forgotten.

Chicago, March 17.—A special from Winnipeg, Manitoba, printed here this morning, says: The blockade on the Canadian Pacific road in the Rocky Mountains is complete, and there will be no through train for a fortnight. The snow has blocked the roads, and the "road tunnel" has been in, and the passengers who went west two days ago, have returned from the mountains having been unable to get through and went South to reach the coast by the American lines.

Greatly Excited.  
Not a few of the citizens of Salem, N. C., have recently been greatly excited over the astounding facts, that several of their friends who had been pronounced by their physicians as incurable and beyond all hope—suffering with that dreadful disease, Consumption—have been completely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the only remedy that does positively cure all throat and lung diseases, Coughs, Cold, Asthma and Bronchitis.

Trial bottles free at Dr. V. O. Thompson's Drug Store, large bottle \$1.

—If you are suffering from a sense of extreme weariness, try one bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It will cost you but one dollar, and do you incalculable good. It will do away with that tired feeling, and give you new life and energy.

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